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[REDACTED] SUPPORT OFFICERS' MEETING

7 October 1964

DD/S conference room

1. Those present:

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2. [REDACTED] brought up the following items from the DD/S Staff Meeting:

a. On August 31 the President signed into law PL 88--558 which provides for the settlement of claims against the United States Government by members of the uniformed services and civilian officers and employees of the United States for damage to and loss of personal property incident to their service. [REDACTED] read from the provisions of the law as contained in an OGC brief on the subject (attached).

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b. The Director of Personnel reported that the percentage of participation in the United Givers' Fund Drive is lower this year than ever before. Formerly, the percentage of participation was in the 90's, and this year it appears that it will be below 90. He has urged that all units get their envelopes back and submit their reports as soon as possible.

c. The Retirement Bill has passed both Houses of Congress and is now on the President's desk. Indications are that he will sign it. The DD/P has pointed out that other Agencies were envious of certain benefits contained in this program, and he recommended that we be careful not to brag about it.

d. Exercise FINE ART is being set up for May, 1964, as a follow-up on Exercise HIGH HEELS. The Deputy Directors are being requested to designate personnel for participation.

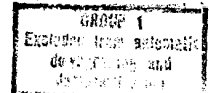
e. The legislation proposing Columbus Day, October 12, a legal holiday has not passed and the day will be a normal workday.

3. The following items were brought out at the last DD/P Staff Meeting:

a. Chief, Operational Services stated that he had attended meetings with the director of BPAM and his staff regarding manpower overseas. They will be requesting information from all the area

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divisions to use in submitting consolidated reports on this subject.

b. The DD/P asked if any of the divisions were having problems with elements of the DDI or the DDS&T in clearing the cables being sent to the Fields. It appeared that there was no problem in this respect. Mr. Helms had a meeting last week with the OO/Contracts

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c. The DD/P has asked the Division Staff Chiefs to read selected portions of the Warren Commission Report. Particularly, he desires that they be familiar with the chapters dealing with (1) Presidential Protection (2) Why the information regarding Oswald did not reach the Secret Service (3) Rumors regarding the case and how they were disposed of and (4) Conclusions and recommendations.

4. Proposed revisions to [REDACTED] were discussed at the request of [REDACTED]. Essentially the discussion revolved around the question of whether wives who are themselves Staff Employees could be permitted to retain this status when they proceed overseas with their husbands. There seemed to be general agreement that this was not desirable and that a useful alternative would be to require their conversion to Contract Employee status while overseas, but with the stipulation that they would be granted preferential treatment as regards reconversion to Staff upon their return to the United States.

5. The most recent manpower levied on the area divisions by [REDACTED] Personnel Office is very unpopular with the Support Officers. Nonetheless, it was agreed that such an exercise is required in order to tabulate really meaningful manpower pictures.

6. On the subject of transportation allowance for official use of a personal car, the A/DDP has expressed some concern that certain stations are not allowing the maximum of \$50. It is the desire of the DD/S and the DD/P that the \$50 allowance be automatic, and SSA-DD/S will draft a book dispatch to the Field attempting to convey this philosophy.

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